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The After School Enrichment Program (ASEP) serves over 10,000 low-income children at 170 schools throughout the County of Los Angeles. Through an innovative partnership between the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the Los Angeles County Office of Education and the Los Angeles Unified School District, these children, who are all receiving CalWORKs, food stamps, and/or Medi-Cal, receive an enriched educational experience under the supervision of experienced educators. Unfortunately, absent action by the State Legislature, after 7 years of implementation the funding for ASEP will be exhausted on June 30, 2006. Therefore, it is imperative that the State allocate state/federal after-school program funding to sustain this highly successful program.

In light of the educational experience that elementary school children receive from ASEP and the valuable resource that this program represents for working

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adults striving toward self-sufficiency, it is imperative that we explore every available option to enable its continuation.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Instruct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to establish the After School Enrichment Program Taskforce comprised of the CAO, Director of the Department of Public Social Services and the Superintendent of the Los Angeles County Office of Education, working in concert with the Los Angeles Unified School District, to jointly develop a legislative strategy for the continuation of the After School Enrichment Program. Such strategy shall include pursuit of any feasible state/federal funding sources;
- 2) Send a 5 signature letter to California State Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez and the entire Los Angeles County state legislative delegation urging their support for state/federal after-school program funding to continue full implementation of the After School Enrichment Program;
- 3) Instruct the After School Enrichment Program Taskforce, with oversight by the CAO, to report back to this Board with its findings and recommendations in 45 days.

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